



Lt. Governor Skillman's November In Review

November did not start with me bringing a message to the people, but the people of Indiana certainly sent a message to government. On Nov. 2nd, Hoosiers cast their ballots to determine the course our local, state and federal government will follow in the next few years. The message was clear that jobs, economic recovery, and fiscal discipline are the top priorities. In our administration, these are the priorities that guide us every day.

After Election Day, Gov. Daniels and I unveiled our 2011 legislative agenda. We are offering a bold agenda that will continue to move Indiana forward. First, we will do that by protecting taxpayers with our fourth consecutive balanced budget with no tax increases. Second, we will work to strengthen public education by putting students first, setting up our state for long-term economic viability. [Read more about our priorities.](#)



Lt. Governor Skillman kicks off the groundbreaking ceremony of Dallara's \$7 million production facility in Speedway.



Lt. Governor Skillman greets the honorees and awardees at the Lt. Governor's Leadership Luncheon for the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana.

I took that message on the road this month at several events focusing on economic development. Our Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) has had a very big month. At both the Indiana Main Street Conference and the Rural Summit, I talked to local leaders about how they can partner with the state to improve their communities through Main Street improvements, economic

opportunities, and quality of place initiatives. I also celebrated the groundbreaking of Dallara Motorsports in Speedway. The Italian company is building new Indy Car chassis at this plant. The grants OCRA committed to the town of Speedway helped them secure this deal.

I continued to focus on economic opportunity through a series of other events. I spoke at the Lawrence County Economic Growth Council, the 75th Anniversary Gala for the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, the 21st annual awards dinner for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, and the kickoff event for the brand new West Side Chamber of Commerce in Indianapolis. Being together with these business leaders reinforced my belief that Indiana's brightest days are ahead.

I also traveled to Columbus to speak with tourism industry leaders at the Association of Indiana Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting. Indiana's tourism industry supports 250,000 jobs, and 62 million visitors each year who spend about \$10 billion dollars in the state. This is certainly an important industry for our future.

Later in November, I had the pleasure of focusing on young women. In Indianapolis, I spoke at the annual Girl Scouts of Central Indiana luncheon. And in Gary, I spoke at the YWCA Circle of Friends fundraiser. Both the YWCA and the Girl Scouts do great work to help Hoosier girls to become strong, confident, successful women.

Finally, I can't mention November without talking about Thanksgiving. I hope each of you enjoyed your time with friends and family over a nice feast. And every year, I'm proud to accept a massive donation from Indiana State Poultry Association to food pantries around the state. This year, our state's poultry producers donated more than 108,000 pounds of turkey, chicken, duck, and eggs to the Shepherd Community Center to be distributed throughout Indiana.

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Lt. Governor Skillman accepts 108,000 pounds of poultry products from the Indiana State Poultry Association. All the food was donated to Shepherd Community Center.

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